

Today's News - November 13, 2006

ArcSpace brings us a curvaceous Kurokawa in Tokyo. – Farrelly calls Sydney's new Biodiversity Banking Bill just a phony fix: "a purchasable license to destroy, without even an eco-assessment of the land in question." – Maybe they haven't read Sir Nicholas Stern's report that puts "a price tag on global warming, but also argues for an economically viable solution." – Another report says we had better get ready for millions of "sea level refugees." – Some British architects are designing for higher water levels. – Study shows homes of 1500s were/are easier to heat and better insulated, casting doubt on modern building rules (and traditionalists cheer). – An eco-charity's new "Weetabix house." – A bird blind leaves Glancey all warm and fuzzy. – A new source for materials selection evaluates what's know - and not known - about green products. – Cities finding an unorthodox solution for affordable housing: build atop branch libraries. – Kamin calls for stronger measures to "prevent fire from sending more of Chicago's architectural treasures to the graveyard." – Colorado's museum mania continues: finalists for Denver's Still Museum stake out their turf (and highlight what went wrong with Holl). – UC at Boulder is the next one up. – Condos inspired by Africa rise in Harlem (with a touch of irony). – Modernism getting a second chance in Charlotte, NC. – "Mr. Minimalist" Pawson teams with Britain's "wild man of dance." – Two advocates for better healthcare design combine forces.

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[Kisho Kurokawa: The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan](#)- ArcSpace

[Don't bank on this phony fix: ...now the Threatened Species Conservation Amendment \(Biodiversity Banking\) Bill, so-called, customised to ease destruction of biodiversity, threatened species, pristine bush, coastal wetland, the lot...biodiversity credits are a phony fix for habitat destruction. By Elizabeth Farrelly](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[The Day the Climate Changed: The climate change debate may have turned an important corner. Sir Nicholas Stern's report not only put a price tag on global warming, but also argues for an economically viable solution. But will humanity act in time?](#)- Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Scientists Say Millions Could Flee Rising Seas: Nations must make plans to help tens of millions of "sea level refugees" if climate change continues to ravage the world's oceans. German researchers said... \(Reuters\)](#)- Environmental News Network

[A river runs through it: Designers are adapting to the risks of flood-plain living..The government estimates 1.6m people in Britain are at high risk of flooding: the number is forecast to grow to 2.3m-3.6m by the 2080s as the climate changes. – PCKO Architects: Will Alsop: Spaceover](#)- The Times (UK)

[The green house of the future - built c.1550: Homes of 1500s easier to heat and better insulated. Survey casts doubt on modern building rules...The surprise result is an indictment of recent government regulations but it has brought some pleasure to traditionalists of the architectural community such as the Prince of Wales.](#)- Guardian (UK)

[The Weetabix house: This eco-charity's new HQ is packed with bales of natural fibre – Green Light Trust: Modece Architects](#)- The Times (UK)

[A walk on the wild side: Its walls are lined with sheep's wool, its toilets flush with rainwater, and its funnels glow at sunset. Jonathan Glancey is captivated by a striking new hide for nature lovers...RSPB's new Purfleet Environment and Education Centre – Van Heyningen and Haward Architects \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[The Future of Materials Selection: Project Pharos...a navigational aid for those seeking building materials that are good for people and the planet...materials evaluation system that provides users with a 360 degree view of what is known—and not known—about products and materials.](#)- Healthy Building Network

[Stranger Than Fiction? Having People Live on Top of Branch Libraries: Library redevelopment is becoming one of several unorthodox approaches to producing low-priced housing in cities.](#)- New York Times

[Preserving the city's cultural patrimony: Far more measures needed to protect prized buildings: The succession of fires that has destroyed three Adler & Sullivan buildings...presents a daunting challenge to city officials: How to prevent fire from sending more of Chicago's architectural treasures to the graveyard? By Blair Kamin](#)- Chicago Tribune


[Architects 'stake out the turf' in approaches to Still Museum: ...private status may impede the flow of some information, but it may give the design a chance to thrive. By Mary Voelz Chandler – Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture; Mark DuBois/Ohlhausen Dubois Architects; Elizabeth Diller/Diller Scofidio + Renfro](#)- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[Museum mania? The next one up is University of Colorado at Boulder: ...museum is the fifth art institution in the Denver metropolitan area this year to complete, start or unveil plans for a new building or an addition. By Kyle MacMillan – Kallmann McKinnell & Wood Architects: Oz Architecture](#)- Denver Post

[New Condos Inspired by Africa: ...the Kalahari condominium complex is a kind of symbol for the social and economic forces shaping Harlem. – Frederic Schwartz Architects: Studio JTA/Jack Travis](#)- New York Times

[A Modern gamble: The Watermark's developer believes the time has arrived for its cutting edge design. Will prospective tenants agree? Following a national trend, Modernist buildings have sprouted in Charlotte...Perhaps...Modernism after years on the outs is getting a second chance. – Perkins + Will; LS3P; John Portman; Duda/Paine Architects \[image\]](#)- Charlotte Observer

[When manic meets minimal: Mr minimalist architect gets a job at the Opera House with the wild man of dance. So, what happens next? If classical ballet had anarchists, McGregor would be their leading spokesman...Which makes his collaboration with the architect John Pawson all the more unexpected.](#)- The Times (UK)



[Coalition for Health Environments Research \(CHER\) Becomes Part of Center for Health Design \(CHD\)- Center for Health Design](#)

[New Jiang Wan Cultural Center, Shanghai: While the skyline explodes in a thicket of skyscrapers, a cultural center beckons to a new era of environmental concerns. – RTKL \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)

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